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SUBJ: UNGA--LEGAL COMMITTEE--HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARMED CONFLICTS

REF: USUN 5307; USUN 5376

- 1. UK DELOFF (WOOD) INFORMED US THAT BELGIUMS CONSIDERING SWITCHING VOTE FROM "NO" TO "ABSTAIN" IN PLENARY CONSIDERATION OF RES A/C.6/L.969 (TRANSMITTED USUN 5307). VOTING BREAKDOWN ON THIS RES IN LEGAL COMMITTEE VOTE CONTAINED PARA 5 OF USUN 5376. DATE OF PLENARY VOTE CURRENTLY UNCERTAIN; VOTE COULD OCCUR AT ANY TIME BETWEEN DEC 10 AND 18.
- 2. BELGIANS APPARENTLY FEEL ISOLATED IN GROUP OF 12 VOTING AGAINST RES, AND NOT HAPPY WITH COMPANY OF PORTUGAL, SOUTH AFRICA AND ISRAEL. MOREOVER, BELGIANS TOLD BRITISH THAT THEY HAVE BASIC SYMPATHY FOR STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION.
- 3. BELGIANS ALSO TOLD BRITISH THAT ITALY AND FRG CONSIDERING SWITCHING FROM "NO" TO "ABSTAIN." BRITISH JUDGE THAT IF THIS OCCURS, AUSTRIA, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG AND NETHERLANDS COULD BE EXPECTED TO DO LIKEWISE. THIS WOULD LEAVE ONLY ISRAEL, PORTUGAL, SOUTH AFRICA, UK AND US VOTING "NO." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. UK UNGA DEL RECOMMENDED ON DEC 5 TO LONDON THAT FCO
INSTRUCT BRITISH DEMARCHES AT CAPITALS. DEPT MAY WISH
TO CONSIDER DEMARCHES ALSO.
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